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2nd Annual Evening of Gratitude

On Sunday, April 27, the Washington DC/Northern Virginia Region of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) and its supporters celebrated their second annual "Evening of Gratitude." Father Raymond Kemp, a Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center (Georgetown University), put the work of the Ignatian Volunteers in perspective with these words from his homily: "All the work of the Christian in the world is Spirit work, and if the Advocate is not pleading our cause ... our work is but a

bright idea which time will dull and its purpose be forgotten."

The evening began with a Mass at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in Washington, DC, where about 150 people were in attendance. Father Kemp was the presider and homilist, and he was joined by eight other priests as concelebrants: Fathers John Adams, Michael Bryant, (Rev. Msgr.) John Enzler, Thomas Clifford, Tuck Grinnell, Henry Haske, James Shea, and Bruce Steggert. The Saint Camillus Multicultural Choir provided music for the Mass.

Following the Mass, a reception was held at Gonzaga High School to thank the many generous donors who support IVC programs of service and spirituality. The reception following the Mass included welcome and introductions by Joseph Dempsey, IVC Regional Council Member; testimonial by Kenneth D. Naser, Executive Director ALIVE!—an IVC Partner Agency; and words of gratitude by Suzanne Geaney. Catering for the reception was provided by DC Central Kitchen's Fresh Start Catering.

Neota Hall—2008 Community Hero

Neota Hall is being honored with a 2008 Community Hero Award for her efforts to assist refugees who have arrived in the United States through the Reception and Placement program of the Office of Migration and Refugee Resettlement, through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Arlington. The awards program, now in its twelfth year, is part of Neighborhood Day and is sponsored by the mall, the Sun Gazette, E*Trade Financial and the Arlington United Way, with support of the Arlington County government's volunteer office.

"Refugees have often been through horrific circumstances—Neota provides a friendly, welcoming and compassionate face for the new families, and gives them her utmost attention to ensure that they are well-cared-for in those first critical days after arrival," said Adrienne Tygenhoff of the Diocese.

Despite financial limitations of the program, "Neota has secured housing for each and every individual that she's worked with," Tygenhoff said. "Her conviction comes through, and she has impacted the community for the good ... working tirelessly to ensure the safety and happiness of our refugee clients"



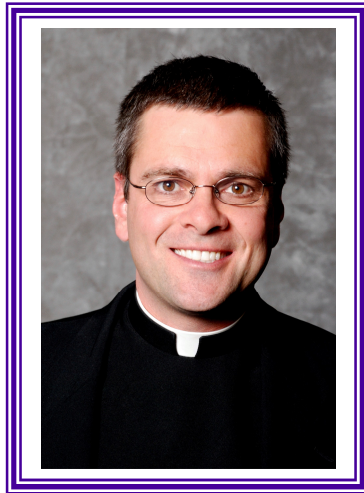
—Arlington Sun Gazette, May 1, 2008

IVC WASHINGTON, DC/NORTHERN VIRGINIA 2008-09 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Retreat: May 12 - 13, 2008

Loyola Retreat House
Faulkner, MD

**“Bound by Convention;
Freed by Conviction”**



FR. KEVIN NADOLSKI, OSFS RETREAT FACILITATOR

- Member Oblates of St. Francis DeSales (OSFS), Ordained: 1997
- Graduate of Temple University, Catholic University of America, and DeSales School of Theology, with degrees in journalism, theology, and education administration.
- Former principal, Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, VA
- Teacher and assistant principal, Salesianum School, a high school of 1,000+ boys in Wilmington, DE. Responsible for all extra- and co-curricular activities, including administering the athletic department.
- Presently, vocation director and assistant director of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales seminary formation program.
- Weekend ministry for the past eight years at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Arlington VA.

Monthly City Group Meetings

Washington, DC – Josephite Seminary

October 14, 2008
November 11, 2008
December 9, 2008
February 10, 2009
March 10, 2009
April 14, 2009

Northern Virginia – St. Anthony of Padua

October 9, 2008
November 13, 2008
December 11, 2008
February 12, 2009
March 12, 2009
April 9, 2009

- Orientation/Retreat: Sept. 8 - 10, 2008—Brother Malachy Broderick, FSC, Facilitator; Faulkner, MD
- Day of Reflection: January 9, 2009—Kathleen Curtin, Facilitator, Washington Retreat House, 4000 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC

Mary Ann Wilding 1936-2008



Mary Ann served with IVC for seven years, the last three of which were spent at the Fr. McKenna Center, where the homeless men relied greatly on the gentle caring of Ignatian Volunteers Mary Anne and Joan Kelly and the staff relied on their input in decision-making and policy formulation. Service to people who are poor was a way of life for Mary Ann. When I heard about Mary Ann's passing, I began to reflect on its timing at the conclusion of Holy Week. I remembered hearing about Mary Ann's treating and cleaning the feet of the homeless men much as Jesus had done on Holy Thursday. In my imaginative reflection on the women at the tomb, I could imagine Mary Ann being there - the caring nurse, the practical one - wrapping Jesus body in strips of cloth and placing herbs and spices about the burial cave. As sad as Mary Ann's passing is, we can also rejoice that this faithful woman has risen with Christ to a new life. May she rest in peace after a life well lived. Pray for Mary Ann, please, and for her family that they might all enjoy Jesus' healing comfort.

Jim Kelley



Patty Wudel (l), executive director, & volunteer Helen Taney, Joseph's House; Spiritual Reflector Sr. Rose Mary Dougherty, SSND



Volunteers Jack Boyle (l) and Joyce Wilkinson, the Lamb Center; Midge Wholey; & Joe Wholey, Catholic Charities Hogar Hispano



Volunteer Midge Wholey and Executive Director Wanda Steptoe, New Endeavors by Women



Anne Murphy (center) Regional Council member

2ND ANNUAL *Evening of Gratitude*



Judge David Cahoon, Fr. Michael Bryant (Prison Ministry), & Mary McGinnity Spiritual Reflector & Regional Council member.



Volunteer Joe Jones (DC Central Kitchen) and Spiritual Reflector Fr. Joe McCloskey, SJ



Fr. Tuck Grinnell (Spiritual Reflector) & Chuck Krumbuhl (IVC National Treasurer)



Bill Anderson (National IVC Board Chair), Fran Butler (Regional Council member), Suzanne Geaney, IVC Exec. Director)



Volunteer Chris Swift (Chaplain, DC Detention Center) & her husband Dick Swift with Fr. John Adams (SOME)

Photos by Dick Bowling

Rosemount Honors Alice Marie Stone: April 28th through May 2nd, Rosemount celebrated National Volunteer Week. They honored their many volunteers who make a difference at Rosemount every week with a celebratory cookout. *President's Volunteer Service Awards* created by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service, were given, among others, to Alice Marie Stone of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC). Alice Marie (aka Ahme) is currently on sabbatical from IVC. Rosemount, a bilingual Head Start/Early Head Start Center located in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood of Washington, DC where more than 300 children and families are served each year.